

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a voicemail left by Benjamin Tramm on 3/17/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1 line 9, delete "and".

In claim 1, before the period at the end of the last line, insert --; and (f) measuring the correlation between the patient's height and of the diameter of the pulmonary valve for a population of individuals, wherein said correlation is determined through the utilization of a first ratio of the relative speed of the flow velocity through the pulmonary artery and the flow velocity through the aortic annulus, and a second ratio of the patient's height to the aortic annulus diameter --.

Cancel claims 2 and 15.

In claim 3 line 1, delete "claim 2" and insert -- claim 1 --.

In claim 16 line 1, delete "claim 15" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YUN HAENG LEE whose telephone number is (571)272-2847. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl H. Layno can be reached on (571) 272-4949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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